

# Orton Kiln Shed

Herrick Archives Number H 127

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

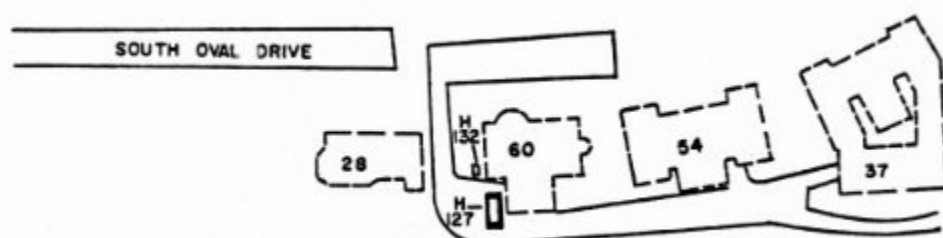
1.1 Building was never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Ceramics Department Kiln House

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at southwest corner of Orton Hall (060). For indexing purposes, 155 South Oval Drive is arbitrarily used as the address. See map below.



See identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

### 3. General Description

3.1 McCracken (1:120) merely describes the building as a "small kiln house."

3.2 Photograph X 2577 shows the building to be of one-story, brick construction.

3.3 Map 190-07 shows the size to be about 15' x 40'.

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. The Ohio General Assembly on April 20, 1894 enacted a law requiring the University to establish a department of ceramics. The bill included an appropriation of \$5,000 for equipment and \$2,500 for salary and supplies. (Cope: 398-402)

2. The Board of Trustees on May 26, 1894 elected Edward Orton, Jr. to take charge of the department.."

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3. On September 6, 1894, Professor Orton asked the Board for additional room in Orton Hall. The matter was referred to the Committee on Faculty and Courses of Instruction, with power to act.

4. McCracken (1:120) states that the building was constructed in the summer of 1894, but it is possible that the construction occurred after the September 6, 1894 action of the Board of Trustees referred to above.

### C. DEMOLITION

1. No record of demolition has been found. Cope (403) states that the department moved to Lord Hall (051) in 1904-05. This could be correct, but the date appears to be in error, since bids on Lord were not taken until September 15, 1904, and the exterior work was not completed until a year later. (See Part B of report on Building 051.)
2. The kiln shed appears on several 1906 maps, but on no later map now available. It does not appear on a 1907 photograph (X 2067).

### D. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 2552

X 2577

### E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. In 1900 the roof was destroyed by fire. It was repaired and made ready for service by February 21, 1900.  
(McC 2:8)

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### ADDENDUM NO. 1

The Lantern on May 29, 1895 reported that a fire "last week" had destroyed "a small brick structure" in the rear of Orton Hall, which was used for the Ceramic Department kiln. The article stated that the structure would be rebuilt.

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